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HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

Corps Orders by Lieut.-Col. A.  
Chapman, V.D.

LeCpl. W. H. Edmonds is granted leave  
of absence from 24.3.16 to 24.4.17.  
Promotion.  
No. 1382 Lance Corp. W. H. Edmonds,  
Civil Service Co., to be Lance Sergeant  
during the period of his leave.

MUSKETRY.  
The following will be Part I. Recruits  
Course, at King's Park on Friday, 24th  
inst. 4 p.m.—Gunnery. H. M.C.  
McTear, F. G. Sanways & A. N. Rootes  
(No. 2 Sec. Art. Batty). Ptes. A. W.  
Ramsay & J. S. Rodrigues (Signalling Sec.)  
Cpl. Lawrence will attend.

Infantry Corps. Order No. 1 dated  
22.3.16, the members of Engineer Company  
detailed to fire at 0.30 a.m. on 25th instant  
will fire at 2.30 p.m. instead. The following  
will fire at 2.30 p.m. on 26th instant  
also—LeCpl. Rocha, Ptes. Hurle, Luz,  
Costa, Abbas, A. W. Ramsay and J. S.  
Rodrigues (Signalling Sec.) N.C.O.s of the  
Engineer Co. and Signalling Section, will  
attend to assist Cpl. Grimes, R.E. One  
member of the S.A. Sec. will attend for  
Telephone duty.

FIELD OPERATIONS. 20th inst.

In addition to the units detailed in Corps  
Order No. 3 dated 22.3.16, the Signalling  
Section (as detailed by Sgt. Major Blair)  
and Stretcher Bearer Section (as detailed  
by O. C. Stretcher Bearer Section) will  
attend.

PARADES.

Parades for Friday, 24th instant.  
5.15 p.m.—Nos. 3 and 4 Sub-sections  
Art. Batty. (as detailed in Corps Order  
No. 4 dated 30.12.15)—10 p.m. gun drill at  
Headquarters. Sgt. Bradley, R.G.A.  
will attend.

5.15 p.m. Artillery "drill" at Head-  
quarters, under Sgt. Major Witchell.  
5.15 p.m. No. 3 Section Scouts Co. (all  
members). M.G. Instruction at Head-  
quarters.

5.30 p.m. Engineer Co.—Squad drill and  
Musketry exercises on Kowloon Cricket  
Club Ground, under Sgt. Major Higby.  
Remainder, N.I.

REHEARSAL.

On duty to night, Centre Section M.C.  
Co.

Orderly Officer until to morrow, morning  
Lieut. C. Smith.

Next for duty, B.S.K.V.R.

HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

DIMINISH.

The Hon. C.S.P. has ordered the dis-  
missal of Sergeant R. El from the Force.

CASES, OCCURRENCES &c.

In future all reports of Cases, Occur-  
rences, &c, must be sent to—

Staff Inspector McEwen

Santary Board Office.

Prosecution Forms must be filed in  
when attending Court in connection with  
Cases. At the Magistrate they are with  
P. C. Castro, and at the Marine Court  
with Inspector Sirdar Khan.

PARADES.

Friday, March 24th—Route March of  
all ranks sub units except those exempted  
by the Surgeon Superintendent. Full in at  
Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. All  
Patrolmen will attend.

Monday, March 27th—Recruits of Am-  
bulance Platoons at Central 5.30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 28th—Whole of No. 4  
Company, and all Recruits of all Companies  
5.30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 29th—MAXIM gun-  
ners at Central 5.30 p.m.

Thursday, March 30th—Whole of No. 4  
Company, and all Recruits of all Companies  
and Ambulance Platoons.

NO. 2 COMPANY.  
Inspector Alves is placed in command of  
No. 2 Company.

ORGANISATION.—

An organisational notification will be issued  
to all ranks on Friday, March 24th.

(Sgt.) F. C. Jenkins.

D.S.P. (Reserve).

The Parliamentary correspondent of  
the "Japan Daily Mail" says: China  
will be left to herself in effecting a solution  
of the present situation provided Japan's  
letter to are not received in any manner.  
Moreover, there is reason to believe that  
there is a want of harmony among the  
Powers interested in China, and any  
concerted action in dealing with the China  
situation is now thought to be out of  
the question.

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## INTIMATIONS

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE 31<sup>ST</sup> ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the above COMPANY will be held at the OFFICES of the COMPANY'S OFFICE, ST. GEORGE'S BUILDING, Chater Road, Victoria, on SATURDAY, the 26th March, 1916, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Manager for the year ending 31st December, 1915, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the COMPANY will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 20th March to SATURDAY, the 25th March, 1916, both days inclusive.

SHAWAN, TOMEY & CO.  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, March 11, 1916.

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THE LUZON SUGAR REFINING CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above-named Company will be held at the Office of the General Manager, Meaera, Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., 10, Chater Road, FRIEDLY, on Saturday, the 26th March, 1916, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing an Extraordinary Resolution or resolutions following, namely:—

(1) That it is desirable to reconstruct the Company & accordingly that the Company be wound up voluntarily, and that Arthur Rylands, Lawyer, of Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, Chartered Accountant, be and he is hereby appointed Liquidator for the purpose of such winding up and that Article 124 of the Company's Articles of Association be cancelled accordingly.

(2) That Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., the General Agents of this Company, be authorised and requested to procure the incorporation in the Philippine Islands of a new Company to be called the Malabon Sugar Company (of which Messrs. Smith, Bell & Co., Ltd., shall be appointed by agreement General Managers) with Articles of Incorporation and Bye-laws in such form as the General Agents shall approve.

(3) That the draft Agreement submitted to this meeting marked "A" and agreed to be made between this Company and its Liquidator of the one part and the Malabon Sugar Company of the other part be and that same is hereby approved and that the said Liquidator be and he is hereby authorised pursuant to Section 185 of the Companies Ordinance 1911 to enter into an Agreement with such new Company (when incorporated) upon the terms of the said draft Agreement and to carry the same into effect with such (if any) modifications as he thinks expedient.

(4) That the words "Bonus or Bonuses" shall be inserted immediately after the word "Dividend" in the 18th line of Article 110.

(5) That the words "and bonuses" shall be inserted immediately after the word "Dividend" in the first line of Article 110.

Should the above Resolution be passed by the requisite majority, it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution to a further Extraordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated this 11th day of March, 1916.  
S' EWAN, TOMEY & CO.  
General Managers.

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

THE THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the General Managers at 11.30 A.M. on TUESDAY, 28th instant in receive a Statement of the Company's Accounts to 31st December, 1915 and the report of the General Managers.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to 28th instant both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, March 8, 1916.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Under-Secretary of State on TUESDAY, the 27th instant.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to 28th instant both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.  
General Managers.

Hongkong, March 2, 1916.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE THIRTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, Pedder's Street, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 29th March at 11.30 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1915.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to 28th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.  
General Agents.

Hongkong, March 2, 1916.

LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, Pedder's Street, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 31st March at 11.30 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1915.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th to 31st March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.  
General Agents.

Hongkong, March 13, 1916.

THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPoa DIOK CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Buildings, Connaught Road, Hongkong, on MONDAY the 3rd April, 1916 at 12 noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1915.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to 20th March, to the 1st April, 1916, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

R. W. DYER,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, March 21, 1916.

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That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in the following words:—

(a) That after the word "any" in the 11th line of Article 110, the following words shall be added:—

The General Managers may also, with the consent of the Consulting Committee, pay such bonus or bonuses as General Managers shall think fit.

(b) That the words "Bonus or Bonuses" shall be inserted immediately after the word "Dividend" in the 18th line of Article 110.

(c) That the words "and bonuses" shall be inserted immediately after the word "Dividend" in the first line of Article 110.

Should the above Resolution be passed by the requisite majority, it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution to a further Extraordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

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## THE PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

WHAT THE WITHDRAWAL MEANS  
TO CHINA.

A Chinese contemporary says that the sale of the steamships of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company will no doubt have a great effect on the Chinese commerce with the United States, but on the other hand, it will give greater commercial advantages to the Japanese who have not been slow to avail themselves of this rare opportunity. The Company has not been forced to dissolve on account of the new laws which have just come into operation. More than 12,000 Chinese were engaged as sailors with this Company at \$15 each per month. By the new law the majority of them are to be replaced by Europeans whose pay would be about \$30 each per month. Chinese sailors can be controlled more easily, as they do not mind about working hours and are willing to work on Sundays. The capital of the said Company was \$20,000,000 and at this time of European War steamers are badly needed, therefore, the Company has not incurred any loss by the sale.

Although it has only been the transfer of steamers from one Company to another, it is of great consequence to the commerce of China and the United States. Henceforth the Japanese will exercise a greater influence over the commercial affairs of the Pacific, because neither the United States nor China has any Steamship Company gazing the Pacific Ocean. Highights all Chinese goods and commodities have been shipped to San Francisco, but now this cannot be done.

This is a fatal blow to Chinese commerce on that side of the world. In 1914, Chinese merchants remitted from San Francisco a sum of \$10,000,000 (gold); and in 1915, a sum of \$18,000,000 (gold); and in 1916, a sum of \$40,000,000 (gold). As the Chinese merchants there have of late been

doing their best to boycott Japanese goods, it is most probable that the Japanese may adopt measures at any moment to retaliate. Moreover it will be natural for them to carry first their own goods to the markets in the west, and then carry ours. Thus the Chinese merchants and their establishments in the United States may be doomed to failure at the will of the Japanese. The people of the United States will not receive so great a blow as those of China.

As the enterprise of running Pacific steamers is a great problem, concerning the life or death of the commerce of this country, the Government should offer assistance in the matter. Not only are American merchants willing to co-operate with us by raising one half of the capital necessary for the enterprise, but the Chinese merchants abroad in Honolulu, Hongkong, and other places are willing to subscribe to the shares of the new Company if properly backed up by the Chinese Government.

We may start with a few steamers, and expand the business gradually. The Japanese Government has subsidized the Pacific Mail Steamship Company with a sum of \$4,000,000, but who has indirectly received a profit of several times that amount. If our Government should give encouragement to the promoters of the projects for the organization of a Mail Steamship Company she will never regret it, and at present a grand opportunity has been offered to us."—Peking Daily News."

GERMANS IN SHANGHAI'S BAND.

## ONE DISMISSED.

A brief note in the Shanghai Municipal Gazette announces that "Musician J. Morscher has been dismissed from the Council's service with effect from March 10."

It is understood, says the "N. C. Daily News," that Mr. Morscher as one time denied any connection with the amount found in Mr. Neillen's garden on the French Sicawei Road. Subsequently he asked leave to send in his resignation from the orchestra, but the Council quite reasonably refused to allow this and decided to dismiss him.

Meanwhile German efforts continue to reach us (told us contemporaneously) urging the dismissal of all the German musicians.

It is pointed out that with the exception of Americans and the few seafarers of other neutral countries, Shanghai's foreign population is overwhelmingly "Ally," and yet the Municipal Council continues to employ Germans and Austrians. That the Teutonic members of the band might be first of all musicians, and Germans or Austrians afterward, might never have been questioned, had it not been for the fact that the name of the helmsman, J. Morscher, has been so closely associated with the notorious Nielson and his ammunition dealings.

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THE DIARY.

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.  
11 a.m.—Drawing of Hongkong Club Debentures.  
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture etc. at 174, Kennedy Road.

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, March 25.—  
10.45 a.m.—Auction of Household Furniture etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.  
11.30 a.m.—Hongkong Rope Co's. Meeting.  
11.45 a.m.—Hongkong Rope Co's. Extraordinary Meeting.  
4.30 p.m.—Tennis Championship, Cooper Hunt v. Ivanovich.  
8 p.m.—Volunteer Guards' Mess Dinner at Hongkong Hotel.SUNDAY, March 26.—  
8 a.m.—Excursion to Macao by s.s. "Taishan".MONDAY, March 27.—  
11 a.m.—Auction of Furniture, Fittings etc. at the German Club Premises.

1.30 p.m.—Hongkong Club General Meeting.

TUESDAY, March 28.—  
11.30 a.m.—Hongkong Ice Co's. Meeting.  
Noon—H.K. Fire Insurance Co's. Meeting.

4 p.m.—Annual Meeting of the H.K. Chamber of Commerce.

WEDNESDAY, March 29.—  
Hongkong Stock Exchange Settlement Day.

11.30 a.m.—China Sugar Refining Co's. Meeting.

THURSDAY, March 30.—  
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture at "Harley", No. 7 Babington Path.

4.30 &amp; 4.45 p.m.—Annual and Extraordinary Meetings of Exporters and Dealers of Hongkong.

FRIDAY, March 31.—  
Prince Henry's birthday (1900).

11.30 a.m.—Luzou Sugar Refining Co's. Meeting.

4 p.m.—Annual Meeting of the H.K. Government's Prize.

SATURDAY, April 1.—  
11.30 a.m.—Hongkong and Whampoa Club's Meeting.8 & 9 a.m., April 2.—  
Annual Foursome Competition at Deep Water Bay.

Turkey and Bulgaria who will have to pay the indemnities, and that even a "return to the ante-bellum status" cannot now be accepted by the Allies as a satisfactory condition of peace.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

"In order to meet the demand for more money in Hupan," a large amount of cash notes have been printed by the Printing Press of the Ministry of Finance.

The ladies of the Union Church will Party have sent several parcels of shirts, socks, etc. to Lieutenant-Colonel J. Vans Agnew, 2/2 Scottish Horse War Office, London, by the English Mail.

Professor Ratty, a British Barrister-at-Law and an authority on International Law, has been appointed Adviser to the Japanese Foreign Office, and is expected to take up his duties in May.

The premises at 97a Wellington Street were practically destroyed by fire last night. The amount of the damage and the cause is unknown. The premises were three-storied and the ground floor was used as an eating house. The property is insured for \$1,500.

By means of a trick a Canton merchant named Ip Wong was duped yesterday at Shanghai. Charles Samuel Peacock to Eleanor Agnes Pearson, of Avenue Road, Shanghai.

## DEATH.

RAPHAEL, 70, of Shanghai, France, died aged 37 years.

## The China Mail.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, March 28, 1918.

## CURRENT TOPICS.

China a Republic.

Telegraphic news is to hand that the State Council at Peking yesterday decided that it was advisable to cancel the decision to inaugurate a Constitutional Monarchy, and the President has to-day issued the necessary mandate notifying the cancellation. Least, perhaps, it should be thought that the President in this, as in the former case, simply submits himself to "the will of the people," it is mentioned in one of the telegrams that the President approves the decision of the State Council. It requires no special gift of astuteness to perceive that this is a step which is likely to pacify the rebels much sooner than the military measures which have been taken for their suppression. Whoever is President of the so-called Republic in China must virtually be an autocratic ruler, but the revolt against the President becoming in name as well as in fact Emperor of China, shows that after all there is a great deal of virtue in a name in China.

The War.

The most interesting statement in the war news to-day is perhaps that of the Russian General ALEXIEFF, who in a message to General Joffre expressing the Tsar's admiration of the defence of Verdun adds: "The Russian Army merely awaits orders to engage the common enemy." General CADONNA, the Italian Commander-in-Chief, has just been saying much the same thing. As he put it, the Italians are waiting for the weather to break before they begin their advance. All the Allied armies, in fact, are just marking time till the weather becomes more suitable for the intended simultaneous offensive. The failure of the colossal German offensive at Verdun, and the "smashing blow" which the Russians have dealt the Austrians on the Galician front, tells the enemy plainly enough that in his weakened state he will have to face in the coming summer adversaries far better equipped for war than was the case last summer. If the Washington report of a conversation which the German Chancellor has had with the American Ambassador is trustworthy, it suggests that the end of the war cannot now be a long way off. But Germany is the Power which will have to sue for peace, and she will not get it on any terms that include the payment of an indemnity to her by France or any other Power of the Allied Group. It is simply preposterous for Germany to expect an indemnity from France.

The German Government has yet to understand that it is Germany, Austria, and Prussia that are to be held responsible for the war, and that the only way to end it is to sue for peace. The case was ultimately adjourned until

## MONARCHY CANCELLED

## MANDATE ISSUED.

(Wah Tse Yat Po's Service.)

Shanghai, Mar. 23.

Reuter's Correspondent at Peking reports that the State Council met yesterday and decided on the cancellation of the Monarchy.

Yuan Shih Kai approved of the decision and a Mandate was issued accordingly.

Lai Yuan Hung (the ex-Vice-President), Chu Shih Chang (ex-Premier), and Tsui Ki Sui (the ex-Commander-in-Chief) will all resume office.

Peking, Mar. 23.

A Mandate has been issued cancelling the Monarchy.

## INSPECTOR WITHERS' RETIREMENT.

## TWO PRESENTATIONS AT THE POLICE CLUB.

At the Police Recreation Club last evening Inspector Withers, who leaves for home on Friday by the "Norway," was presented with a dressing case and a gold sovereign case and chain. The Captain-Superintendent of Police, the Deputy-Superintendent, and Chief Inspector Kerr were among those present.

The Captain-Superintendent said they had assembled that evening to say "Good-bye" to the "father" of the Club. It was Inspector Withers, he understood, who practically founded the Club. Men who had gone home held many kind memories of the Club and of Inspector Withers, who was always the foremost worker and one of the moving spirits of the Club, and always did his best to see that every departing member of the Force had a good send-off. The Indians had presented him with a bracelet. (Laughter) and he reminded Inspector Withers that he was never too late to mend. They wished him long life and all success in whatever he might undertake. (Applause.)

Inspector Withers, in acknowledging the compliment paid to him, traced the history of the Club saying that when Mr. Hallifax came to the Force he thought they should have a Club of their own, and with his aid the Club was formed. It had grown steadily till it now had a membership of 109. Originally he was appointed Hon. Secretary, Inspector Kent, Hon. Treasurer, and "Tom" Pitt Assistant to them both. They tried to make the Club a success, and he reminded Inspector Withers that it was never too late to mend. They wished him long life and all success in whatever he might undertake. (Applause.)

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## THE WAR.

## TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

## RUSSIAN SUCCESSES.

BRIDGEHEAD CARRIED IN GALICIA.

PETROGRAD, Mar. 22.

*A communiqué* states that in carrying the bridgehead at Michalevz the Russians captured two guns.

Most of the defenders of the bridgehead were killed in hand-to-hand fighting.

## FIGHTING IN DVINSK REGION.

ENEMY ADVANCED LINE CAPTURED.

PETROGRAD, Mar. 22.

*A communiqué* states that after more fighting the Russians south of Dvinsk carried the enemy's advanced line.

## RUSSIAN DRIVE IN CAUCASUS.

PETROGRAD, Mar. 22.

*A communiqué* mentions that the Russian troops in the Caucasus have advanced a few miles westwards.

## RUSSIAN ARMY AWAITS ORDERS.

GENERAL ALEXIEFF &amp; GENERAL JOFFRE.

Paris, Mar. 22.

General Alexieff, the Russian Generalissimo, on behalf of the Tsar, has telegraphed to General Joffre.

Expressing His Majesty's warmest admiration of the defence of Verdun. The Tsar, the message says, is confident that the French Army will bring the savage enemy to his knees.

General Alexieff adds: "The Russian Army merely awaits orders to engage the common enemy."

## THE WESTERN FRONT.

## THE ENEMY DID NOT DARE.

PARIS, Mar. 22.

*To-day's communiqué* states: There has been grenade fighting in Argonne.

A violent bombardment has continued on the left bank of the Meuse in the region of Malincourt but the Germans did not dare to attack in force.

Our artillery kept up an intermittent bombardment west of the Meuse and elsewhere.

A French air squadron dropped bombs on the stations at Duns-sur-Meuse and Audun.

## THE BRITISH FRONT.

LONDON, Mar. 22.

Last night the British made a small raid on hostile trenches near Maquinsois, accounting for a score of the enemy.

Early this morning the enemy attacked and entered a small post on the Somme, but were driven out, leaving an officer prisoner and two dead.

## IMPORT OF LUXURIES PROHIBITED.

LONDON, Mar. 21.

H.M. the King has signed a proclamation prohibiting the import of luxuries, including motor-cars, motor-cycles, musical instruments, and spirits, except brandy and rum.

Mr. Bunciman mentioned in the House of Commons that other luxuries would be prohibited soon.

We have received from Mr. W. A. Dowley, Chairman of the Committee in charge of the Local Fund for sending gifts of Cigarettes and Tobacco to the troops, a list of contributions representing an addition of \$944.53 cents to the fund. The list will be inserted to-morrow. Altogether a sum of \$11,730.65 has been contributed to the fund, and \$11,233.65 so far expended, leaving in hand a balance of \$537.

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## GERMANY AND PEACE.

CHANCELLOR'S CONVERSATION WITH AMERICAN AMBASSADOR.

LONDON, Mar. 22.

*The Washington correspondent of the New York Evening Post* states that Dr. Bethmann-Hollweg recently requested Mr. Gerard, the United States Ambassador, not to leave Berlin on vacation.

He told him the terms on which Germany would be willing to end the war. These included withdrawal from Belgium and an indemnity from France.

Dr. Bethmann-Hollweg generally indicated a wish to return to the ante-bellum status.

He did not request the good offices of the United States but Mr. Gerard deemed the conversation to be in the nature of a "feeler."

## CHINESE AFFAIRS.

(Wah Tso Yat Po's Service.)

## NORTHERN TROOPS FOR KWANTUNG.

PEKING, Mar. 23.

The Government has sent telegraphic instructions to Shantung and Anhui provinces immediately to despatch troops to Kwantung where extraordinary precautions are being taken.

A Squadron will be sent to Kwantung with Admiral Lee Chien as commander.

## A PROPOSED CANTON LOAN.

PEKING, Mar. 23.

The Government has sanctioned a request made by the Governor of Canton for permission to borrow half a million dollars from the Bank of Canton and the Bank of China.

## CHINESE TOBACCO AND LIQUOR TAXES INCREASED.

PEKING, Mar. 22.

*The Ministry of Finance* proposes the increased taxation of tobacco and liquors.

## THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

PEKING, Mar. 23.

Another Mandate allows Luk Jing Cheung to resign the Secretarieship of State and appoints Chu Shih Cheung to that office.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

## RUSSIAN VICTORY ON DNIESTER.

## AUSTRIANS ADMIT SERIOUS DEFEAT.

LONDON, Mar. 21.

The Russian General Ivannoff has delivered a smashing blow on the Galician front. Following up his success in February, when he took Uscieczka, he has now stormed the important bridgehead eastward of Michalevz, which is three miles northwest of Uscieczka.

A Vienna *communiqué* admits the serious defeat, and that the Austrians have been compelled to evacuate the fortifications on that part of the Dniester and retire on the heights of Zalezeczy, some ten miles from Czernowitz, having suffered heavy losses.

## HOW ENEMY WERE TRAPPED.

An Austrian *communiqué* appears to indicate that the Austrian front near Czernowitz has been broken or bent for 12 miles.

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Then the Austrian commander retreated, small detachments and wounded crossing the Dniester in boats, but this mode of crossing soon became impossible owing to the Russian's concentrated fire.

The Austrians were thus caught between the Russians and the river. They endeavoured to cut their way through to Uscieczka. They started a night retreat marching to Uscieczka in the morning.

## GERMAN OFFENSIVE AT VERDUN CRUSHED.

PARIS, March 21.

*Newspapers* state that in the most reliable circles, it is affirmed that the German offensive at Verdun has been definitely crushed.

## STRUGGLE IN MALINCOURT WOOD.

PARIS, March 21.

*To-day's communiqué* says: "The Germans several times in the night renewed their attempts at Avocourt and Malincourt, where the bombardment with shells of large calibre continues uninterrupted. The attacks were accompanied by jets of flaming liquid. Despite the heavy losses inflicted by our fire, the enemy were able to capture, after a struggle foot by foot, the south-eastern part of the Malincourt Wood, known as Bois d'Avocourt. All hostile attempts to debouch from this position failed.

There was calm elsewhere at Verdun.

## DUTCH LINER CREW REFUSE TO SAIL.

AMSTERDAM, March 21.

*The newspapers* state that the crew of a Batavian liner refused to sail unless the ship is convoyed by warships.

## BELGIUM'S FUTURE.

PARIS, March 21.

*Allies' DECLARATION.*

LONDON, March 21.

In the House of Commons Sir Edward Grey, amid loud cheers, announced a declaration by Great Britain, France and Russia to Belgium, that the latter, when the time came, would be invited to participate in the peace negotiations, and that the guaranteeing Powers would not cease hostilities until Belgium has been reinstated to her political and economic independence, and has been largely indemnified for the wrongs suffered. The Allies would also help in Belgium's financial recovery.

## ALLIED ECONOMIC CONFERENCE.

LONDON, March 21.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Lloyd George said that the date of the Allied economic conference had not yet been fixed. Mr. Kuncman would be the principal British representative.

Mr. Lloyd George said that Japan had been invited to send a representative to the Paris Conference.

## INDIAN FRONTIER TRIBES.

LONDON, March 21.

In the House of Commons Mr. Astan Chamberlain said that the Baluchistan frontier of India had been remarkably free from organised crime and disturbance during the war. The conduct of the tribes had been generally good. The Khan and Sirdars of Kela and the Jam Sahib of Lashkera had raised and equipped a Corps of 2,000 camels, a detachment of which had served in Mesopotamia. The loyal co-operation of these Chiefs and Sirdars was greatly appreciated by the Government.

## ENEMY DESTROYERS CHASED INTO ZEEBRUGGE.

LONDON, March 21.

The Admiralty announces that four British destroyers sighted three German destroyers off the Belgian coast. The Germans immediately ran for Zeebrugge, chased by the British vessels. In a short running fight two German destroyers were hit. We had four wounded.

## BRITISH ARMY APPOINTMENTS.

LONDON, March 21.

*The Gazette* announces the following appointments.

Major H. W. Jackson, 90th Punjabis, to Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General.

Captain G. Craster, 9th Cavalry, to the General-Staff.

It is officially announced that Surgeon-General Babie has been appointed to assist Surgeon-General Sir A. Keogh.

## RESIGNATION OF MAJOR-GENERAL LONG.

LONDON, March 21.

In the House of Commons, Mr. H. T. Tarrant said he was unable to state the motives prompting the resignation of Major-General Long, which were personal to the officer himself.

## BRITISH OFFICER FOUND DEAD.

LONDON, March 21.

Colonel Batista Trevor, half-brother of Lord Trevor, has been found dead with a gunshot wound at Belfast.

At the inquest a verdict of "Suicide during temporary insanity" was returned.

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## HUMANITY AND LIBERTY.

## CANADA'S DETERMINATION.

LONDON, March 21.

Major-General Sir Sam Hughes, the Canadian Minister of Defence, interviewed, said that his visit to England is strictly connected with Army matters. Canada is as determined as ever to further the cause of the upbuilding of humanity and liberty.

## THE "GHAZER" STILL AFIRE.

LONDON, March 21.

The British steamer *Ghazer* from Calcutta, is still adrift near Tilbury. She is sunk by the head, and is resting on the mud. The whole cargo is threatened with destruction.

## NEW SPECIFIC FOR VENEREAL DISEASE.

PARIS, March 21.

*A new specific for syphilis* has been discovered which is alleged to be twice as powerful as Professor Ehrlich's remedy (Salvarsan) and harmless.

## ITALY'S COMING OFFENSIVE.

PARIS, March 21.

General Count Cadorna, the Italian Commander-in-Chief, interviewed, said that Italy will advance when the weather is fine.

## RUSSIANS ENTER ISPAHAN.

TEHERAN, March 21.

The Russians entered Isphahan (Perse) on March 19th.

## THE "GLOBE" LIBEL ON MRS. ASQUITH.

LONDON, March 21.

Mrs. Asquith has been awarded £1,000 damages in the libel action against the *Globe*.

## SPORTING.

HONGKONG CHAMPIONSHIP.

LONDON, March 21.

The Nisbet-Yung replay in the open championship last evening attracted a good crowd of spectators but the disposal of the game did not approach the level reached a week ago. The two players were then two sets all, when Yung, it will be remembered, had to retire on account of a sprain. Nisbet with good sporting spirit invited a replay.

## SCRATCH FAIRS.

LONDON, March 21.

Lt. Col. G. B. Crisp and R. E. Lindell, E. Abraham and O. R. Chourey, J. Stalkey and W. Cooper v. W. Kay and E. H. Price, F. Sutton and E. B. Reed v. J. V. Bragg and B. D. Evans, A. Vivas and J. W. Christian v. S. E. Green and Dr. L. Woods.

## MIXED DOUBLES HANDICAP.

LONDON, March 21.

E. Abraham and Mrs. G. Duncan (owe 4-0) v. P. R. Wolf and Mrs. Forsyth (owe 3-0).

N. L. Ralton Jr. and Miss M. Neave (owe 3-0) v. M. L. Ralton and Miss W. Edwards (rec 4-0).

W. T. Elson and Mrs. Steel (rec 15-8).

W. L. Weaser and Miss Edwards (rec 4-0).

D. J. Mackenzie and Miss Henderson (rec 2-0).

H. Weyler and Miss Leslie (rec 4-0) v. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Christian (rec 4-0).

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S.S. 'KAJO MARU' ... Capt. Murakami ...

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MOJI & KOBE	HINSANG	MONDAY, Mar. 27, at Noon.
SANDAKAN	KWONGSANG	TUESDAY, Mar. 28, Daylight
SHANGHAI	TEANSANG	WEDNESDAY, Mar. 29, at 8 a.m.
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## THE BRITISH GENERAL STAFF.

## WHAT IT IS.

[By Sir W. Moore O'Connor, G.C.B. in THE WASHINGTON GAZETTE.]

Some confusion seems to prevail among civilians as to what a General Staff really is—Other titles or such-as-important masters are doubtless used in general discussions on the subject, but no frequent become a mere canton of war, with no result.

I will explain quite shortly and without

going into detail, the principles accepted by all the great Powers. The Army on which the General Staff should be organised, I am doing this solely for civilians, as all educated soldiers understand quite well.

## THE PLAN OF CAMPAIGN.

The term "plan of campaign" is not

very well understood, and may convey the wrong impression that from the commencement of a war a definite plan is made and carried out methodically from start to

finish. This is, of course, absurd, for the

situation arises from day to day.

It is inconceivable, however, that when

political disturbances arise on the map a

plan will not have some notion of

what is likely to take place.

The Chief of the General Staff is kept informed

of the situation and its probabilities.

He is, then, in a position to draw up

and submit to the Cabinet strategic

leading to an objective to meet all

eventualities and showing the military

force necessary. His plan of campaign

should show the requirements of the force

to mobilise, arms, ammunition,

clothing, transport, supplies, &c. and for

necessary replacement owing to probable

casualties in the field of material and

personnel. Thus when the Cabinet decides

that the blow shall be struck there will

be no delay. Circumstances may, of

course, necessitate a complete change in

the original strategic plan or its objective,

or both, but this will be rare if the policy

adopted has been such as the military force

can respond to.

## INTERDEPENDENCE OF VARIOUS DIVISIONS.

The activities of the General Staff are

numerous, dealing as they do with the

strength of the Army and the

amount of money to be

spent on it, which is not fixed by soldiers

but by Cabinet, and is therefore an

affair of politics which in itself is not a

military activity. It is, however, one of

immense labour, which is enough to

occupy the time and physical energy of the

man at the head of the division which

deals with it. The work of this division,

although closely allied to the work of the

Army in peace, is quite distinct from it,

and so except the armies of all the

Great Powers.

The Cabinet has to justify

to Parliament the policy on which the

strength of the Army is based to prove it

to the public, and to show that it is

not economically disburdened. The

Cabinet has, moreover, to be prepared to

answer a number of questions regarding

the Army in Parliament, and to

justify its actions to the public.

It is, therefore, necessary that they should

attend its meetings, and to

keep the Cabinet informed of what is

done in the field of politics.

It is, however, the superintendence of

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## To-day's Advertisements

THE ASSOCIATION OF EXPORTERS AND DEALERS OF HONGKONG.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the ASSOCIATION OF EXPORTERS AND DEALERS (OF HONGKONG) will be held on THURSDAY, the 30th March, 1916, at 2.30 p.m. precisely, in the CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ROOM, NEW GOVERNMENT BUILDING, for the following purposes:—

- (1) To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1915.
- (2) To elect a New Committee.
- (3) To transact any General Business.

By Order,

E. A. M. WILLIAMS,

Secretary.

Hongkong, March 23, 1916. 430

THE ASSOCIATION OF EXPORTERS AND DEALERS OF HONGKONG.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Members will be held on THURSDAY, 30th March, 1916, at 4 p.m. in the CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ROOM, NEW GOVERNMENT BUILDING, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following Resolution authorising an alteration to the Rules:—

That clause III of the Rules and Regulations of the Association of Exporters and Dealers of Hongkong be altered as from January 1st, 1916, to read:—

"All Merchant Firms, and persons engaged in or interested in the Export and Chinese Produce Trade of Hongkong, or China, either as Exporter or Dealer shall be eligible for admission as Members in the manner hereafter described and on payment of \$40.00 for the current year of their election, and a like annual subscription thereafter, payable on 1st January in each year.

By Order,

E. A. M. WILLIAMS,

Secretary.

Hongkong, March 23, 1916. 460

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

TUESDAY, the 28th March, 1916, at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, DRA VYU ROAD, Corner of Ice House Street, ONE SET OF SADDLERY &amp; CO. BY MARTINS, BIRMINGHAM.

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Hongkong, March 23, 1916. 464

## NOTICE.

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Revenue Branch, £2,381,456

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